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M. L. A.'s Challenge Bengal Govt. Charge

Demand Impartial Inquiry Into Midnapore Happenings

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

Four members of the Bengal Legislative Assembly from different constituencies of Midnapore district, Messrs. Tulsi Charan Goswami, Krishna Prasad Mandal, Gobinda Chandra Bowmik and Kumar Debendralal Khan of Narjole, have issued a statement that the Bengal Government Press Note of the 7th December on the subject of relief in areas affected by the recent cyclone "not only does not give a true picture of the situation, but there is an obvious attempt in its drifting to confuse issues". They add that the press note makes it imperative that there should be an impartial enquiry.

The statement continues.—"Grave charges have been made against the people, while the complaints made against Government officers have been brushed aside. These complaints are not unknown to the Ministers. At this stage and in the present distress of the people a purely one-sided version cannot inspire public confidence in the absence of any enquiry. In view of the havoc and misery caused by the cyclone, the public would have waited till the return of normal times for such an enquiry, but the Government "Communique" makes it imperative that there should be an impartial enquiry. The subversive activities referred to were all these that took place before the cyclone, except perhaps a few sporadic incidents and were almost completely confined to certain parts of the sub-divisions of Midnapore district. But these activities should not be exploited either to hinder relief work or to hamper those who are genuinely striving to create an atmosphere in which political motives would be subordinated to humanitarian ones and recriminations would be replaced by a unity of purpose.

"In view of the Government "Communique", we must however, demand an enquiry into what has been called allegations.

The truth is that publication of grievances has been prevented under the Defence of India Rules and much information has been withheld from the public to which they were entitled.

The Government "Communique" has not served any laudable purpose. Besides, it is needlessly provocative. It should be remembered that the political prisoners of the Midnapore Jail and workers outside were willing to co-operate with the Government in the matter of relief and to appeal to the people to create a calm atmosphere, but that they have not yet been enabled to serve the cause".—A. P.

TRAMCAR WITHOUT DRIVER MADE TO RUN MILE

Students' Demonstrations In Calcutta And Lucknow: Big Round-up In Poona

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

A Students' procession was dispersed by the police by a lathi charge.

At about 3 p.m. in the afternoon students of several educational institutions in the city, who came out of the classes of their respective institutions, assembled in the University premises and organised a procession. As the procession came out on college street the police dispersed it with a mild lathi charge. The processionists made another attempt to reform at the crossing of College Street and Harrison Road but were not allowed to do so by the police. One girl student, who refused to surrender a Congress flag, was arrested. No one was injured as a result of the lathi charge.

TRAMCARS DAMAGED

Demonstrators made several attacks to-day on tramcars with brickbats and other missiles and caused some damage to them. A cracker was thrown at a tramcar near Sealdah station. One of the demonstrators snatched away the key from the driver, who was leaving the car, got into the vehicle and jumped out of it after giving it a start. Running about a mile without a driver, the vehicle dashed against a stationary tramcar at the crossing of Harrison Road and College Street, causing damage to the latter.

A Rickshaw was also involved in the accident. The passengers of the rickshaw received minor injuries, which were attended to in hospital.—A.P.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT

An attempt by the students of the Ashutosh College in South Calcutta to bring out a procession was frustrated by the police by their timely interference.

A big cracker was stated to have burst in Wallesley Street with a loud report, causing great sensation in the locality. No one was however injured.

Six persons were arrested today in Ballygunge area while running away after throwing some kerosene oil and carbide

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BOTTLES THROWN ON TRAMCARS

The Bombay City Police arrested 17 persons between Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road and Bori Bunder, late in the evening on Wednesday.

Majority of the arrests were alleged to be in connection with a procession taken out by some Congressmen.

The rest of the arrests were made, as some persons threw a few bottles containing some liquid at policemen and tram cars near Bori Bunder. No one was, however, injured.

Printing Press Unearthed

A "Secret" printing press was unearthed by the Bombay C. I. D. at Khetwadi, on Wednesday. The police raided the place and caught four men engaged in printing unauthorised leaflets. They also seized hundreds of bulletins.

FR. CONTINGENT FROM JIBUTI

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Forty French officers and 1,500 men arrived from Jibuti in French Somaliland at Diredawa, it is learned in Fighting French headquarters to-day. Their leader, Col. Roinal on arrival, telegraphed to Gen. Le Gentilhomme offering support and faithful friendship. Gen. Le Gentilhomme who was the Military Governor of French Somaliland before joining the Fighting French is now the Commissioner for War on the Fighting French National Committee.

BEVERIDGE MEETS KING

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Sir William Beveridge, author of the famous plan, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. This was the first time that the King had seen Sir William since the publication of his plan and His Majesty discussed the whole scheme with him. Sir William remained at the Palace for some time.—Reuter.

DUCE ORDERS EVACUATION

Preparation To Meet Allied Raids On Italy And Sardinia

MOSCOW, Dec. 9.

Mussolini has ordered urgent evacuation of the whole civilian population and "all its institutions" from Southern Italy, western coastal regions and Sardinia, according to a Geneva message to the Soviet News Agency to-day.

These areas will form a "defence zone" where the Duce is to base air squadrons that R.A.F. raids have compelled him to withdraw from Russia to defend his cities.—Reuter.

R. A. F. BOMB TURIN

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Turin was the target for a force of "Stirlings", "Halifaxes", "Lancasters" and "Wellingtons" of the Bomber Command last night. The weather over Northern Italy was clear and with the help of flares, a concentrated attack was delivered. The results are believed to be good. One bomber is missing from the attack.

ROME: To-day's Italian "communique" said: "Enemy planes last night made a heavy raid on Turin. Great damage was caused

THEY WILL FIGHT FOR ALLIES

From Reuter's special correspondent at Rabat, Morocco:—The Governor-General of French West Africa, M. Pierre Boisson, told me in an exclusive interview to-day: "Dakar and the rest of French Africa intends to intervene against Germany with its full armed strength when we have received materials and equipment from America. The people of French West Africa are most loyal. They will not hesitate. They will fight to death for France." M. Boisson emphatically denied that Dakar had ever been used by the Germans as a submarine base or for any other purpose.—Reuter.

Round Up Of Anti-Allied French

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

Admiral Darlan's Government to-day ordered all Germans to report to the police with their papers in a round-up of anti-Allied French in North Africa, states a message from Algiers. Those not appearing will be liable to arrest. At the same time the French authorities in the forward area between Algiers and Tunisia have taken into custody 200 Axis sympathisers.—Reuter.

100 EX-VICHY FRENCH TO BE EXECUTED

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Fighting French in London announce that less than one month after the occupation of the south of France the first hostages have been taken by the Germans from the ex-Vichy zone. On November 29 a pro-German demonstration was organised in Place Bellecour at Lyon. The demonstration was broken up by great crowds which hurled insults at Nazi troops who intervened to restore order. On December 1 an attack was made on the life of a German soldier in Lyons. A hundred men and women were immediately chosen at random from the population of Lyon and are now awaiting execution in Prison Centrale.

BREAKING WITH VICHY CONFIRMED

STOCKHOLM: — Wednesday's "Aftonbladet" confirmed that the entire staff of the French Legation in Stockholm is breaking relations with Vichy and will probably join Admiral Darlan.—Reuter.

Br. Ambassador In Turkey To Visit London

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Turkey, is visiting London, it was disclosed to-day. He was received during the day in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS-SOVIET EXCHANGE OF ENVOYS

LONDON: The Netherlands and the Soviet Governments have agreed to exchange Ambassadors, it is learned officially in London. The Dutch Ambassador is expected to be Baron Van Breugel Douglas Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Chungking.

Verdict In City House Collapse Inquest

Owner, Contractor, Engineer And Architect Found Guilty

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

That the owner, Mrs. Amtuliabai of Zanzibar, the contractor, Mr. R. M. Engineer, the R. C. C. Specialist, Mr. A. M. Aga, and the architect, Mr. K. A. Noorani, were all guilty, was the verdict of the Coroner's jury at the conclusion of the inquest on the bodies of 57 persons who died when a building at Back Bay Reclamation, under construction collapsed sometime ago. The verdict was unanimous in all the cases, except in the case of Mr. Noorani, against whom the verdict was divided at 6 to 1. The jury also passed a formal verdict that the deaths of the victims were due to asphyxiation, and in some cases where they had died in hospital later, that the deaths were due to shocks and injuries received when the building collapsed on them.

FR. GOLD TAKEN TO GERMANY

FRENCH FRONTIER, Dec. 9.

According to reliable authority 49 tons of gold has been taken by the Germans from the vaults of the Bank of France in Paris, Lyons and Clermont Ferrand. It was packed in munition cases in three railway trucks to Germany. Italian armed police were in charge of it as far as Sarrebruck, where it was taken over by Gestapo agents.—Reuter.

Three Riders

The jury added three riders. The first suggested to the Municipality as an important party in the construction of buildings, that the Municipal Act must be amended, so that it would be obligatory on the Municipality to inspect buildings under construction. The Municipality should certify a building storey by storey. The second rider suggested the desirability of licensing the contractors. The last rider stated that Mr. Barfiwala, the Municipal Inspector ought to have scrutinised at least half the calculations submitted to him, and not one out of the 47 which were submitted to him.

The verdict of guilty was arrived at under Section 338, I.P.C. which provides for imprisonment, or fine or for both, to whoever causes grievous hurt by a rash and negligent act endangering human life.

MUNICIPALITY'S POSITION

When the inquest began today Mr. Blair of Crawford Bailey and Company, Solicitors, stated on behalf of the Municipality, that the Municipality was under no obligation to inspect buildings, though they had the right to do so. They had only to see if work was carried out according to plans submitted. When plans were submitted they were under no obligation, either to approve or disapprove them. They might just file them.

Statements were put in by the contractor, the architect, the R. C. C. Specialist and the Supervisor.

The Coroner in summing up the proceedings for the jury said that the verdict had to be composed of two parts; (1) the cause of the death of the men, (2) who, if any, were guilty.

He analysed the evidence led before the court and read out Section 338 and explained its implications and scope.

Mr. Darashaw N. Vakil with Mr. Kapadia appeared for Mr. R. N. Engineer. Mr. I. I. Chundrigar for Mr. K. A. Noorani, Mr. Blair of Craford Bailey and Company for the Bombay Municipality. Mr. Aga, R. C. C. Specialist appeared in person.

Fourth Enemy Bombing Of Chittagong

CALCUTTA, Dec. 8.

Chittagong received the fourth enemy bombing on the afternoon of December 5 with the usual calm and fortitude. The morale of the people remains unshattered. Business is going on as usual.

Really speaking, there was no bombing; rather some loaded bombers in order to save themselves from their own weapons as a result of a hot chase by Allied planes discarded bombs at random. For instance, at the outskirts of the town a number of bombs were dropped which could hit neither man nor beasts, far less military objectives, but damaged paddy crops and coconut trees. The loss of life and property is negligible.—United Press.

JAP WARSHIP SUNK

Three Others Damaged By American Planes Off New Georgia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

A Navy Communique states one Japanese warship was sunk on December 3.

Three other warships were damaged and set on fire off New Georgia.

On December 3, an air striking group from Guadalcanar attacked an enemy force of about ten cruisers and destroyers, approximately 150 miles north-west of Guadalcanar, heading for Guadalcanar.

The enemy suffered the following damage during the attack:

Two thousand pound bomb hits on one cruiser, 1,000 pound bomb hit on a second cruiser and two torpedo hits on a destroyer (or cruiser). Two possible torpedo hits on a second destroyer (or cruiser). Ten float type planes were shot down by United States' fighters. One of the above vessels was seen to sink on December 4. Three other enemy vessels were sighted in flames in the vicinity of the previous day's action.

One United States' dive-bomber, one torpedo plane and one fighter were lost during the engagement.

Pope's Special Prayer For Peace

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Vatican radio relayed the High Mass at St. Peters in Rome to-day, during which the Pope read a special prayer for peace.

After praying for mercy for a war-torn world, the Pope continued "give us peace in truth, in justice and in charity of the Christ. Spread thy protection over those unfaithful who lie in the shadow of death. Give peace to all times separated in error or disagreement Halt spreading the flood of paganism. Let thy love hasten the return to God".—Reuter.

JAPS BOMB HOSPITALS

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Reuter's special correspondent with the advanced base in New Guinea wires:—The report in Gen. MacArthur's communique today of further Japanese bombing attacks on field dressing stations shows that the Japanese are up to their dastardly tricks again.

These vicious attacks on unmistakably marked field hospital in Papusa are merely a repetition of similar acts of barbarism perpetrated by the Japanese in other theatres of the Pacific war. Plainly indicated field hospitals in the Battan area on the Philippines island of Luzon were mercilessly bombed and hundreds of patients killed. The Japanese apologised profusely but repeated the attacks on a heavier scale shortly afterwards.

The Allies are under no illusions regarding the Japanese methods of warfare and the recent four assaults on non-military objectives were not unexpected. In fact, the presence of slit trenches round the Allied field hospitals is grimly self-explanatory. An officer who has recently returned from the front line in New Guinea stated, that hospital tents are emblazoned with large Red Crosses visible a mile away, while there is no military target within two miles. The fact that the Japanese have gone to great pains thoroughly to machine-gun the area from low altitude is taken as conclusive proof that the attacks were premeditated.—Reuter.

Tough Time For Siam

BANGKOK, Dec. 9.

Admitting that Siam is now having a tough time the Japanese controlled Bangkok radio commentator said to-day: "We have kept up our army of 200,000 men as we cannot be safe and secure without them. We cannot expect help from Japan because her hands are full in this war. We know that before long we shall run out all products and materials imported from abroad, but we must get along by ourselves."—Reuter.

More Rice And Wheat For Bombay Province

SARKER'S PARLEYS WITH MILLOWNERS FOR PRODUCTION OF STANDARD CLOTH

Twenty thousand tons of wheat from the Punjab and 30,000 tons of rice from other Provinces will be rushed to Bombay.

The shortage of wheat was so acute in the Province and particularly in the City that the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, went to Northern India for supplies. His efforts there seemed to have proved fruitless.

SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS WAS NOT MERELY IN THE CITY. REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS POURED IN, AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THIS PROVINCE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR A DEFICIENCY OF 1,000,000 TONS OF FOODSTUFFS THIS YEAR.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL WHICH MET THE COMMERCE MEMBER WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE CONVEYED TO HIM THE URGENT NEED OF RICE AND WHEAT SUPPLIES, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THROUGH HIS GOOD OFFICES, THIS PROVINCE IS ABLE TO GET IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES OF RICE AND WHEAT.

STANDARD CLOTH PROSPECTS

Prospects of an early settlement in regard to most of the questions relating to the production of "Standard Cloth" brightened up, as a result of the talks between members of the Textile Advisory Panel and Mr. N. R. Sarker, Commerce Member, Government of India, on Wednesday evening. The meeting lasted for two hours. A Sub-Committee which has been set up to give finishing touches to a scheme regarding production and distribution of the standard cloth is likely to submit the scheme when the full panel meets on Thursday (to-day).

The proposal, when it was first mooted by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, the then Commerce Member, evoked much enthusiasm. It was proposed that the standard cloth, with 33 1/3 per cent below the market price, should be made available to the poor consumers and relieve their distress from a market where prices of textiles were expected to soar. It was also believed that five per cent of the looms in the country would be exclusively reserved for the production of standard cloth and then gradually production would be stepped up by increasing the percentage reservation to twenty.

HITCH OVER DISTRIBUTION

But subsequently, the hitch seems to have arisen on the question of distribution. It seems to be the express desire of the panel from the beginning that the standard cloth should serve only the poor consumers and not drift into the "black market", thereby setting at nought the very purpose for which the panel worked.

The Central Government, it is understood, has placed an indent for about 1,20,00,000 yards of standard cloth, and difficulties to meet a larger demand appear to have cropped up in the absence of a settlement of the question of distribution.

That question seems to have been almost settled as a result of the discussion on Wednesday. And if an agreement is reached between the Textile Advisory Panel and the Commerce Member, the work of distribution of standard cloth may be entrusted to the industry itself.

Millowners' Representation

The Committee of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, was understood to have discussed with the Commerce Member questions relating to the regulation of exports of Indian cotton piecegoods, adequate supply to meet domestic requirements, details about the manufacture of standard cloth and relief from import duty paid on sugar supplied to textile workers by refunding the amount.

It seems to have been suggested on behalf of the cotton textile industry that the Government of India should permit exports of cotton piecegoods to the extent of only 500,000,000 yards during the next financial year and that quotas to the various overseas markets should be fixed on the basis of their imports from India during 1940. Still another suggestion seemed to have been made that a ban on the export of cotton piecegoods which could be marketed within the country itself, should be imposed by the Central Government.

While the millowners seemed to be anxious to conserve as much cloth for domestic consumption as possible, they were equally insistent that long-standing Overseas clientele of India should be adequately served, to keep Indian trade going without any break. It was emphasised that textile exports should not be haphazard, but

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FRONTIER DEFENCE

German Failure In Russia Removes Threat Of Invasion

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

Although the threat to the North-West Frontier of India has almost completely evaporated with the failure of the Germans to break through Russian battle fields, the Government of India strengthened the defences necessary against any modern invading armed forces.

Recently a number of press correspondents visited the newly completed defences in the Khyber and Kohat Passes. The network of motorable roads on the hill-side enable speedily running of the defence forces to every strategic point on the frontier of India on the north-western border along the Durand Line. A number of new strategic piquets have also been stationed on the hill-side and from the height on which they are situated, it is easy to spot out any dangerous movement by any hostile section as well as passing on the danger signal to places where troops are stationed.

The party visited the Thal Fort and the Kurrum piquet as well as the Mandori Upper Post in an appreciable short time owing to motorable roads.

In the Malkand Agency, the party visited the Hydro-electric works, the Swat Canal, as also the spot, which Kippling made famous through his poem "Ganga Din". The press correspondents also visited the area, where Mr. Churchill had acted as a war correspondent during the last Afghan War.

The Frontier area is also being used as a training ground of the Indian Army Brigades, one of which, the party saw returning from a five-day column.—United Press.

ANEY'S WIRE TO BHANSALI

NAGPUR, Dec. 8.

Professor Bhansali of Gandhi Ashram who is on fast in connection with Chimur incidents, received a telegram from the Hon. Mr. Aney stating, "Give up fast. Myself trying what I deem proper and possible with faith in God for success of a righteous cause."

It is considered in political circles as a definite move from Mr. Aney, which might influence Prof. Bhansali to give up the fast and also prevent the fast-contagion spreading in these parts in connection with Chimur incidents.—Orient Press.

Delhi Suspended Dailies To Reappear

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

In view of the notification issued by the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, withdrawing the order of precensorship of news, it is understood that the two Delhi dailies, namely the "Hindustan Times" and the "Hindustan" will resume publication with effect from January 1, 1942.

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THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION,
Canteen Stores Department,
AMAR BUILDING,
Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road,
BOMBAY.
(2653)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

(Rule 8.)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II, of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay, 1914, made under Section 22, Sub-section (1) clauses (f), (i), (g) and (h) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, that I Noormahomed Begmahomed propose erecting a Cinema Theatre at Vithalbhai Patel Road and Girgaum Road on the ground belonging to me admeasuring about 2100 square yards and assessed under Municipal D Ward Nos. 1461, 1462, 1461(1), 470(1), 469, 1480(2) and 470(2) Street Nos. 425, 427, 423, 419(c), 419 419(B) and 13 and registered under Collector's New Survey No. 1624 of Girgaum Division.

Notice is hereby given that any objections to the erection of the said Cinema Theatre should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the day of 24th December, 1942, that is to say within 14 days from the date of this notice.

Bombay 10th Dec. 1942.
(2655)

KIRLOSKAR BROTHERS, LIMITED, KIRLOSKARVADI (AUNDH STATE)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the NEW SAMAJ MANDIR, opposite to the Business Office of the Company at Kirloskarvadi (Aundh State) on MONDAY, the 28th December, 1942, at 3-30 p. m. (S. T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited Balance-Sheet and Profit & Loss-Account made up to 31st July, 1942.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect the Directors in the place of Shrimant Sardar Jagannath-Maharaj Pandit and Rao Bahadur Ganesh Gopal Shembekar who retire by rotation and they offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the current year and to fix his or their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th December, 1942 to the 4th January, 1943, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.
KIRLOSKAR SONS & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Kirloskarvadi,
6th December, 1942.

N. B.— After the sanction of the Dividend in the above General Meeting the Dividend Warrants will be sent after the 15th February, 1943, to those shareholders whose names are on the register on 28th December, 1942.
1654

GAEKWAR'S BARODA STATE RAILWAYS.

WANTED.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the temporary posts of MAISTRIES to supervise bridge works so as to reach the Chief Engineer, G.B.S. Railways, Goya Gate, before 21st December, 1942. Only those experienced in construction of big bridges need apply stating educational and technical qualifications, age, practical experience, previous service, native place and salary expected.
(2647)

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

GENTLEMEN of the SPECIAL JURY, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court on Thursday the 10th December, 1942, at 2-45 P.M. (S.T.)

M. R. A. BAIG,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 9th December, 1942.
2657

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MRS. MEHERBAI, DINSHAW BATLIWALLA and MRS. PERIN DHANJISHAW GAGRAT (formerly Miss Perin Dinshaw Batliwalla) proving Executrices of the last Will and Testament of late Dr. Dinshaw Hormusji Batliwalla both of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients free from all encumbrances.

ALL persons having any interest in or claim against or to the said property or any part or parts thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, possession, maintenance, dower, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office situate at 24-26, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed, if at all, without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Government Toka land or ground at present, admeasuring 1185 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 3 New No. 1AA/15842 New Survey No. 2AA/1285 and Cadastral Survey No. 195 of Mahim Division together with the bungalow outhouses and structures standing or lying thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under G Ward Nos. 3708(1), 3708(1A), 3708 (1B), 3708(1C) and Street Nos. 365, 365A to 365D, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and 11E and which premises are situate at Lady Jamshedji Road and Library Street, Dadar near the Hansali Tank, without the Fort of Bombay, in the registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the land of Narayan Vithal Vaidya, on or towards the West by the said Lady Jamshedji Road, on or towards the North by a moiety of a private passage and beyond that by the property of Jeewan Dhondji Dhuru and on or towards the South by the property of Dr. Bhowanishanker Balkrishna Dadarkar.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1942.

EBRAHIM & DADLA,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
2652.

Public Notices

TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, Purchase Branch, Ahmedabad House Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for the supply of:

Paint Ultramarine blue "Robin" brand or similar in 1 lb. packets.	50 cwts
Paint green Brunswick light.	1/2 "
Paint Terra De Sienna raw in 1 lb. packets.	1¼ "
Powder paint blue ultramarine in 1 lb. packets.	100 "

Tender No. P/SY/8F/3105

Price of tender forms is Rs. 2/- per set and is not refundable and the forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Controller of Supplies, Purchase Branch, Bombay quoting tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon. Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on 18-12-42.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Supply, New Delhi must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers.
2645

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. JOSEPH VINCENT DIAS and THOMAS ANTHONY DIAS, of Bombay Christian Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients THE BOMBAY FILM LABORATORIES, LTD.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Spinner Building, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY— All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground (being part of Bassarao Oart) with the messuages tenements or dwelling house called "Christopher Mansion" with a ground and two upper floors together with the well, outhouses and a garage and cocoanut trees standing thereon situate, lying and being on the southern side of Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, without the Fort of Bombay in the City and Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1771.06 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Current Rent No. 1344 and Collector's Old No. 653, New No. 4614, Old Survey No. 412 and New Survey No. 1780 and Cadastral Survey No. 1236 of Lower Parel Division and in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 3154 and Street No. 149, G Ward No. 3155 (1) and Street No. 619, G Ward No. 3155 (2) and Street No. 619A and G Ward No. 3155 (3) and Street No. 619B and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East partly by the trust property of Bhagoji Balooji Kir bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1240 and partly by the property of Bhawoorao and Vithoba Damodar Rawoot bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1237 and partly by the property of Mrs. Maria Judith Azavedo, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1238, on or towards the West partly by the Church Fazandari property of A. X. Murzello and others bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1235 and partly by the property of Salvacao Church bearing Cadastral Survey No. 2|1237, on the South by the property secondly hereunder described and beyond that by the property of the said Salvacao Church and on the North by the said Portuguese Church Street.

SECONDLY.— ALL that vacant piece or parcel of land being part of the said Bassarao Oart (formerly used as a foot track used in common in the past by the owners of the said Oart) and ground of the Pension and Tax admeasuring 300 square yards or thereabouts situate at Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, without the Fort of Bombay, in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1|1237 of Lower Parel Division together with 14 cocoanut trees, standing and growing thereon and Collector's assessment whereof is paid for and is included in that of the above property firstly hereunder described being part of New Survey No. 1780 and bounded on the North by the property hereinabove firstly described on the South by the property of Salvacao Church, on the East by the property of Mrs. Maria Judith Azavedo bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1238 and on the West by the property of the said Salvacao Church.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1942.

SOLOMON & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE INDUSTRIAL & PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO., LTD. the mortgagees in possession under an Indenture of mortgage, dated 24th August, 1921 and made between Rajaram Tukaram of the one part and the said Industrial and Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., of the other part have in exercise of the Power of Sale reserved to them under the said mortgage, contracted to sell to our client the under-mentioned property.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement one thousand one hundred and sixty-two square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue formerly under No. 316 Pct Nos. 1-2-3-4 and 5 and Survey No. 313 Pot Nos. 1 and 2 and now under Survey No. 1, Pot No. 5, in Bandra Division and bearing New Agricultural Survey No. 256, together with the messuages tenements and bungalows and buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bandra under Nos. 92A, 93 and 93A which premises are situate in the village of Bandra in the Collectorate of Thana Salsette in the registration Sub-District of Bandra and bounded as follows:— that is to say on or towards the East by the property of Muncherji Framji Satin known by the name of Khushru Lodge, on or towards the West by the public road leading to Bandra Hill, on the North partly by the said public road and partly by the property formerly belonging to Raghunath Ramchandra and now to Narayan Keroba Dalvi and, on or towards the South by the property of Rajaram Tukaram.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1942.

KAMDAR & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
2650.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF WELL-KNOWN PUROHIT HOTEL RESTAURANT AND HINDU BOARDING HOUSE OPP. VICTORIA TERMINUS WITH ALL THE STOCK-IN-TRADE AND GOODWILL.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver H. C. Bombay as Receiver in Suit No. 1204 of 1942 (Vijaygawri widow of Harjivandas Ramji Purohit and anr. vs. Ratansi Jetha) Messrs BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY the 17th December, 1942, at 3 P.M (New S.T.) at Krishna Building opp. Victoria Terminus on the premises:—

The well-known Purohit Hotel, Restaurant and Hindu Boarding House as a going concern with all the stock-in-trade and Goodwill.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF 32 BALES AND 5 BORAS OF SUDAN K SIX L COTTON.

Under instructions from the Insurance Co. concerned, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction TODAY THURSDAY the 10th December, 1942 at 2-30 P.M. (New S.T.), the undermentioned lying on open jetha close to Sewree Cotton Exchange.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 10.

DELHI I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)

6 Vichitra veena recital. 5-15 Sultana Begam. 6-25 Mashuq Ali Khan: 6-35 Vidya Devi: 6-45 Vichitra veena recital. 6-50 Zohra Jan. 6 Dilip Chander Vedi. 6-45 Mashuq Ali: 6-55 Sarangi recital: 7 Amn ki Shahrahen. 7-15 Vidya Devi: 7-25 Sultana Begam. 7-45 For villagers only 8-30 The Axis speaks. 8-45 Delhi radio orchestra. 8-55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 War inquiry. 10 Dilip Chander Vedi. 10-20 Zohra Jan. 10-30 Mashuq Ali Khan. 10-45 Sultana Begam:

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Film tune on clarionet. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Fulaji Buwa. 8-40 Pralhad Ganu: 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati 9-10 Basant on been. 9-15 Ahmed Dilawar 9-30 Marathi Bhavgeets. 9-40 Saraswati Mane. 12-30 p.m. Bhajans. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Melodious melodies. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Master Vasant. 5-30 Ahmed Dilawar. 5-45 Krishna Gangolli. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Saraswati Mane. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary (Marathi). 6-50 V. S. Mohite. 7 Light and bright: 7-15 Fulaji Buwa. 7-30 Ahmed Dilawar. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Krishna Gangolli. 8-20 For Gujarati listeners. 8-30 The Axis speaks. 8-45 Dot and dash. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Cesar Coelho. 9-55 Interlude. 10 Antoinette Trindade. 10-10 Charlie Kunz. 10-25 Frank Luther.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Mixed melodies. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 V. S. Mohite. 9 Interlude. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Pralhad Ganu. 7-55 V. S. Mohite. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Fulaji Buwa. 9-15 Ahmed Dilawar. 9-30 Master Vasant. 10 Kumbhertcha Vedha 10-30 Saraswati Mane.

RAMAKRISHNA CYCLONE RELIEF FUND: In aid of relief works in Bengal and Orissa, a musical entertainment, Vanmali Hall, Dadar, Sunday, December 13 at 9-30 a.m. Miss Juthika Roy, Mr. K. C. Dey, Mr. Ramachandra Pal, Mr. Pannalal Ghose, Mr. Monidas Gupta and others will participate. Tickets from Rs. 5 to Rs. 25 available at (1) Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar; (2) Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, Dadar; (3) Comilla Banking Corporation, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road; (4) A. G. Milbawker and Co., Bruce Street.

LOVJI CAMA DRAMATIC COMPETITION: Parsi Amateurs of both sexes will compete in picked dramatic scenes, modern one-act plays and sketches for the Lovji Cama Challenge Trophy on Saturday, December 19 at 9-30 a.m. at the Regal Theatre. Mr. Justice Chagla will preside. Prof. Correa Alphonso, Mrs. Tara Ali Baig and Mr. Sohrab Mody will act as judges. Out of 21 entries received 10 have been selected in an elimination contest. Booking at S. Rose & Co. and Perry and Co., Grant Road.

Dr. M. B. Doshi, (late P.M.O., Idar State) has joined an Indian Military Hospital.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION: Extraordinary general meeting at Association premises on Sunday, the 13th instant at 5 p.m.

City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Shud 3, 1999
Muslim: Jilhej 1, 1361
Parsi: Tir 7, 1312.
Sunrise: 8-3 a.m. Sunset: 6-59 p.m.
Hightide: 1-20, 13-14. Lowtide: 7-25, 19-20

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"My Gal Sal" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
LAMINGTON—"Ek-Raat" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Ankh Michowli" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Panama Hattie" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Churiyan" 6, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Ghost of Frankenstein" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA "Bhakta Kabir" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10
KRISHNA—"Meenakshi" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
STRAND—"Rio Rita" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
EDWARD—"Ladies Only" 4 6-30 and 9-30
APOLLO—"Thokar" 4-30 7 and 10 p.m
HINDMATA "Bharat Milap" 4, 7 and 10
CHITRA—"Har Jeet' 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m
ACRORA—"Thief of Bagdad" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Smilin' Through" 4, 6-30 and 10
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Mera Gaon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
KOHINOOR—"Maya Machindra" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m
OPERA HOUSE—"Chandni" 4 7 and 10
SUPER—"Mamaji" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10
SWASTIK—"Damaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30

To-day's Engagements

PASSENGERS & TRAFFIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION: Annual general meeting, office of the Association, Albert Building, Hornby Road, 5-30 p.m. 'At Home' by the president after the meeting.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN: Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

A.R.P. KURLA: Warden Instructors' course by Mr. K. S. Jayaram begins, Kurla Estate Hall, Juma Masjid Road, 7-30 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Mr. B. J. Wadia to speak on "The Episode from the reign of Akbar", Taj breakfast room, 6-30 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams for Bombay, Agra, New Delhi, Lahore, Nagpur and adjacent areas subject to serious delay due to interruption and pressure.

GUJARAT HINDU SABHA: The annual meeting of the Gujarat Provincial Hindu Sabha held at Provincial Sabha's Office, the following office-bearers were elected:—
President: Sheth Popatlal Harilal Nagri; Vice-Presidents: Sjt. Manilal Maganlal Bhatt and Sheth Shri Thakorelal Munshaw; General Secretary: Sjt. Gangaram Khanna; Secretaries: Sjts. Manilal R. Thakore and V. D. Resvadkar.

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION: The 19th session of Indian Historical Records Commission will be held, it is understood, at Trivendrum from December 28 to 30.—United Press.

Annamalai University Convocation

Spiritual Aspects Of Human Life Cannot Be Ignored

Maharaja Of Travancore Pleads For All-Round Educational Reconstruction: "Perverted Scientific Knowledge Is Dangerous"

CHIDAMBARAM, Dec. 9.

"Accumulated and perverted scientific knowledge and the strict regimentation of the human intellect applied not only to the armies in the field but to the armies in the class rooms and workshops have proved futile, indeed dangerous, because tolerance and fair play and the spiritual aspects of human life cannot safely be ignored" observed His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore delivering the Convocation Address of the Annamalai University to-day, His Excellency the Chancellor presiding.

Where Indians Lag Behind

After congratulating the graduates and diploma holders of the University His Highness said:

The claims of Pure and Applied Science cannot be denied and the Engineer, the Physicist and the Chemist as well as the Doctor and the Public Health Specialist will be amongst the indispensable elements of the future: but the Annamalai University is amongst those institutions which, without ignoring such claims, also stress the importance of an all-round reconstruction of Education holding that every system should combine with technique and with science the teaching of an appreciation of harmony and beauty not only in Art but in daily life and ideals—a knowledge in other words, of the things that are more excellent."

A GREAT CALAMITY

"It is well His Highness added, "that the universities in a comparatively poor country like India, should cease to duplicate their courses and that moreover, as far as possible, by the exchange of professors and students and by the endeavour of each university to supplement rather than to copy the work of its neighbours, should work for a common end pooling all their available resources, large-scale exchanges of professors and students were growing in importance before the war.

Award Of Honorary Degree

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred on H. E. Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras, His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore, Her Highness Maharani Sethu Parvati Bayi and Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar at the Annual Convocation of the Annamalai University to-day.

Mr. M. Ratnaswami Vice-Chancellor of the University speaking on the occasion, paid eloquent tributes to His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore and the Maharaja's mother, Maharani Sethu Parvati Bayi.

The Vice-Chancellor paid tributes to the Governor for the generous grants that the Government of Madras had made for the university and Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar for his acts of munificence and philanthropy which, he said had amounted to a crore of rupees.

His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore endowed one lakh of rupees to the university in the name of himself and his mother.

The Rajah of Chettinad made further endowments to-day amounting to Rs. 8,000/- which included six prizes in the name of Their Highnesses the Maharaja of Travancore and Maharani Sethu Parvathi Bayi.—A. P.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

By the sudden death from heart failure of Mr. A. K. Mohsin, on Sunday evening, the Bandra Municipal Board has lost a prominent councillor.

Mr. Mohsin, who served on this Municipal Board for over seven years was Chairman in 1939 of the Secondary Schools Committee and in 1940 of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Mohsin was a hard-working and energetic public worker, a great sympathiser of the poor and a supporter of public causes. He was on several Suburban Committees and was the Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Suburban District Muslim League.

His funeral held on Monday evening was largely attended.

The Bandra Municipal Office was closed on Monday in his honour.

LIQUOR RAID AT JUHU

Sub-Inspector Ankiesaria of the Santa Cruz Police raided a hotel in Juhu and arrested Thomas N. Gonsalves, who it is alleged sold one bottle of illicit liquor to some soldiers. Marked coins were found on his person.

Saghar Nizami Recites His Poems

At the Mushaira held in the hall of the Anjuman-e-islam Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Muslim Students' Union, Saghar Nizami and Ummid Amethwi, two well-known poets of India, were the guests of honour. Mr. S. A. Brelvi, presided. In introducing the guests to the audience Mr. Brelvi dwelt on the role played by the poets in the past and said that it was poetry which awakened people from their slumbers and prepared them for the coming revolutions. All this had been achieved by Saghar whose poetry was a living virile thing, associated with the life of the country and the nation, and beautifully interpreted the revolutions of modern times. Continuing the speaker quoted the view of Allama Simab Akbarabadi, the teacher of Saghar who held that poets of the type of Saghar were specially sent by nature for the guidance of mankind. Concluding, Mr. Brelvi observed that Saghar's poetry was resplendent with sentiments of freedom and patriotism and added that he was one of those few poets who combined in himself poetry and music to an admirable degree. He then called upon him to give his recitations. Saghar then stood up amidst applause and recited several of his poems to the great delight of those present. Ummid Amethwi also recited a few couplets from his odes which were greatly appreciated by the audience. The Mushaira came to a close after 7, after Prof. Nadvi had thanked the guests and the president in witty speech which was punctuated with cheers.

SAVARKAR CONFINED TO BED WITH ILLNESS

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has been confined to bed suffering from acute cold and fever for the last three days. He has been advised complete rest by his doctors.—United Press.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: "Transmission time on telegrams for Madras is now normal. Transmission time on telegrams for Bangalore and its adjacent area subject to serious delay due to line disturbance."

High Court

HUSBAND'S CONSENT NECESSARY

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice)

Sarubai ..... Appellant
Versus
Narayandas Bairagi ..... Respondent.

The respondent was married to one Parwatibai who died in 1936, leaving a will by which she bequeathed her entire "Stridhan" property to the appellant who was her niece Parwatibai had ceased to live with her husband, the respondent, over twenty years before her death. The respondent challenged this will on the ground that in Hindu law a married woman could not dispose of, whether by sale, gift or will, even her "Stridhan" property without the consent of her husband. The respondent contended that his consent not having been taken the will was bad.

On behalf of the appellant it was argued that this rule of Hindu law which required the husband's consent was antiquated and should not be applied by the Court in these days of emancipation of women. It was further argued that Parwatibai could not be said to be a woman under coverture as she had left her husband several years ago.

His Lordship rejected both the arguments advanced on behalf of the appellant. With regard to the argument that this rule of Hindu law was antiquated, his Lordship was of the opinion that it was for the Legislature to alter it if it thought fit and his Lordship pointed out that this restriction on the power of disposal was largely for the benefit of Hindu women for it protected them from the wiles of unscrupulous persons. His Lordship further held that Parwatibai was still a married woman though she had left her husband for over twenty years and therefore could not dispose of her "Stridhan" without the respondent's consent. His Lordship therefore held Parwatibai's will to be inoperative and dismissed the appeal.

Mr. M. B. Samarth with Mr. B. G. Modak appeared for the appellant.

Mr. P. B. Gajendragadkar appeared for the respondent.

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REPRESSION NO REMEDY

It must be regretfully confessed that, so far, Lord Linlithgow's tenure of office, extending over six years and a half, has been an unmitigated failure—except in the eyes of officials and their hangers-on of the "jo hookm" variety—and has created in the minds of all thinking Indians, irrespective of their political affiliations, feelings of the deepest disappointment and despair. The extension of office that has now been offered to him through fortuitous circumstances, affords him one more and last opportnity to redeem the trust which he voluntarily undertook on his appointment. If he had laid down his reins of office at this stage, his regime would have been remembered for only two things he has so far made himself responsible for, namely, stud bulls and repression of the Congress. Has he offered India anything worthier than these during all these long six and a half years? What has been the record of his service to India in helping her progress towards freedom and democracy? Not only has he not helped forward by so much as an inch that progress, but he has done everything possible to retard that progress. Though maintaining a sphinx-like attitude most of the time, he has been, all along, an active, though silent, collaborator with Messrs Churchill and Amery in their policy of thwarting and repressing the national movement at every turn. The "Manchester Guardian" makes the most appropriate comment on the extension of his term of office when it says: "He has been in full agreement so far as is known with the policy of the Home Government both when it is making new proposals and when it is saying that no new proposals could be made. He has just decided again fully agreeing with the Government that no one is to see Congress prisoners even in order to find out whether the parties can come together, it being understood of course that nothing can be done until they do."

Indians will, however, be prepared to forget and forgive the past, if Lord Linlithgow even at this stage, turns over a new leaf and helps to unravel the Indian tangle, which he and Mr Amery have done their best all these years to render more and more complicated. That so weighty an organ of the Conservative Party as the "Times" should have refused to join in the chorus of adulation which some other organs of blatant Imperialism are raising in connection with the extension of his term of office, has a significance which should not be lost on him. The London journal has put the finger on the spot by reminding him to do what he has signally failed to do so far—namely, making a successful approach to the Indian problem—and it has voiced in no uncertain manner the deep disappointment felt in Great Britain at his failure. Will he take the hint and courageously free himself from the leading strings of Mr. Amery? If he does not assert himself and rests content with playing second fiddle to Mr. Amery during the remaining period of his office, he may worsen the Indian situation to such an extent that he as well as his countrymen may have to repent for long for their folly. He has inaugurated a regime of repression, the end of which we are sure, neither he nor any other members of his Government are able to visualise definitely. Thundering sentences and vicarious punishments, not in this or that province alone, but practically throughout India, are becoming the order of the day. Every sensible Indian abhors and condemns acts of sabotage, arson and mob-violence, and agrees that such senseless deeds must be put down and order restored But vicarious punishment and indiscriminate repression will not help to restore either order or confidence, let alone "loyalty" among the public.

Indian Shipping

The speech made by Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarker, the Commerce Member of the Government of India, at the annual prize day of the training ship "Dufferin", was notable in more than one respect The control and mastery of the sea is the most important issue of a modern war and the building up, therefore, of an efficient personnel for the sea service is the most important need of a maritime country like India with its vast coastline and strategic position. We, therefore, rejoice with Mr. Sarker that the work of the training ship has continued during the present abnormal times without any serious dislocation and that the ex-cadets of the "Dufferin" have proved their mettle during the present war in the service of their country. He paid a warm tribute to ex-cadets Krishnan, Karmarkar and Mehta for winning war decorations. The efficiency and gallantry of these and many other cadets now in active war service prove beyond doubt that Indians, when given opportunities, can acquit themselves in the service of their country, whether on land, sea or in the air, in a manner creditable to themselves and reflecting glory to their motherland. Mr. Sarker is conscious of the need of a powerful navy of suppy as well as a navy of defence for India wherein the cadets trained on such training ships may find opportunities to serve their country. He rightly emphasized the fact that war had opened up new prospects for the cadets and we join him in his hope that the demand for trained seamen will continue to increase "in the immediate future both for our navy and our mercantile marine". Mr. Sarker should utilise to the full the position and opportunities of his office for getting the services in the Royal Indian Navy fully Indianised. The problem of employment for young men trained for sea services has always been causing anxiety. It is the duty of the Indian members of the Government of India, including Mr. Sarker himself, to see that both the services of the navy of supply and the navy of defence are manned not as at present but increasingly by the sons of the soil who are particularly trained for those responsibilities. When such a position is reached, he will no longer have to observe as he did on Tuesday while addressing the cadets that "it evokes in me a sad reflection that you should at all have to be troubled by the thought of your future employment."

Mr. Sarker emphasised the necessity of Indian shipping and Indian shipbuiding industry for India. Everyone will endorse his remarks "that the volume of India's foreign trade is sufficiently large to sustain a flourishing shipping industry." We hope, the implication and the significance of his observation that "the maritime trade of the United Kingdom is five times and a half that of India, but the merchant shipping of the United Kingdom is 135 times larger than our shipping" will not be lost on those who have always come in the way of the development of Indian shipping and shipbuilding industries in this country. Mr. Sarker frankly criticised the policy of the Government when he added: "One cannot help feeling that had adequate steps been taken in time to promote the development of an Indian Mercantile Marine and an Indian Navy, our country would have been in a position to play a much larger and a more effective part in overcoming Axis aggression" and everyone will share his hope that "the lessons of this war will not be lost upon us and that every effort will be made to help to develop Indian shipping and shipbuilding industry." Mr. Sarker should not be content with this criticism. During his term of office he should put forth strenuous efforts for the evolution of a national policy which will enable Indians to build up a large mercantile marine and a powerful Indian navy. It is only when Mr. Sarker and his colleagues in the Executive Council realize their responsibilities to the country and act upto that realization that the country will soon see the day when Indian vessels owned and controlled by Indians and manned by Indian officers and crew will be sailing forth from the shores of India and for all parts of the world. So far, their work on the Council has hardly been satisfactory from the country's point of view.

Disappointing Assurances

In addition to the assurances given on the anniversary of Japan's aggresion to the peoples of the Far East, Mr. Churchill has also sent a message of hope and cheer to the armed forces in India. If the first was politically disappointing, the second is militarily so. "Your task today," he says, "is defence—the defence of India and Ceylon—until the time is ripe to move forward". In the context of his message this is not a promise of any move forward in the immediate future but an indirect hint of the contrary. General Wavell, who provided the commentary on Mr. Winston Churchill, also implied the same thing when he spoke in terms of apologetic assurances. Unless, therefore, the British War Cabinet and the India Command are, for very good reasons, deliberately misleading the world, a counter-offensive against the Japanese need not be expected for a good long time yet The decision to remain inactive does not, we agree, affect the defence of India. Communications and other difficulties in Burma, the great American blows which have substantially reduced the naval and air power of Japan and the rapid growth of Allied strength in India have more or less completely ruled out the possibility of Japan seriously threatening this country or Ceylon. But do the British not owe an equally peremptory duty to China which has fought Japan alone—and in spite of the virtual hostility of those whom she struck "treacherously" and "wantonly" on December 7, 1941—for five years and is now entitled to relief and respite? If this is so, the assurances of Mr. Churchill and General Wavell amount more to neglet of an urgent sacred duty than recognition of it.

Frankly Speaking

Interesting Situation

Unwilling to give up their hold on Buna, the Japanese continue their desperate efforts to cling to their dwindling positions. They have certainly succeeded in delaying an Allied victory. But what is equally certain is that it is the Japanese to whom every day's delay is proving costly. For the fifth time they have tried to relieve their garrison from the sea For the fifth time their attempt has been foiled. All these five naval adventures have resulted only in the loss to the Japanese of over ten cruisers and destroyers, several barges and aircraft, over a thousand troops and a large amount of supplies. The other day they also tried an aerial counter-attack only to lose eighteen precious planes. It is an interesting situation. With Buna as the bait General MacArthur attracts and continually destroys valuable Japanese warships and aircraft. The Japanese know but they cannot help it, because the loss of Buna would constitute a big strategical blow.

Franco Speaks Out

We have always held that what keeps and will keep General Franco out of the war is a healthy fear of consequence and not any respect for neutrality much less any sympathy for the British and the Americans who have helped to keep his regime going with loans and supplies. This is more than proved out of the mouth of the Caudillo, himself. His speech at Madrid is an open and defiant challenge to democracy, "the old liberalism," and, more noteworthy, an open and defiant proclamation of homage to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. Such a man will remain neutral only so long as he finds tangible proof of the Allies continuing to be on top. And it would be well for the Allies to remain on their guard instead of placing any credence in General Franco's alleged threats to Herr Hitler.

The Toulon Fleet

According to Colonel Knox's revelations the sacrificial sabotage at Toulon was not nearly so complete as reports and statements at the time confidently asserted. Shore installations, magazines and petrol tanks are generally intact while the three battleships though damaged are with many other ships capable of being repaired. What is worse is that fifteen or, at least ten, warships have fallen into German hands undamaged. This is disappointing but not as much as appears at first sight. Those that remain intact consist only of light cruisers, three flotilla leaders and smaller vessels. Moreover, the Allied Air Forces, if the North African campaign does not take long, can effectively hamper German efforts to use these ships or repair the damaged ones. Above all, a French battle fleet of considerable strength can yet be constituted on the Allied side of ships lying in Alexandria, French African ports and Martinique.

Attlee's Transformation

Major Attlee, who, thanks to the war-crisis, has been rubbing shoulders with the high and mighty of the Tory ruling caste for the past decade or so, would appear to be trying his best to serve as a loud-speaker to his Tory friends. His latest pronouncement in the House of Commons in reply to the debate on the Independent Labour Party's amendment to the King's speech, leaves little doubt that the transformation of this once ardent Labourite into a full-blooded Imperialist has become complete by now. So far as India is concerned, the days when its fighters for national freedom looked for help or sympathy from the official British Labour Party have long gone by, since they came to realise that so long as British Labour Leaders gloried in the British Empire and could not rise above the colour-complex, it was futile to expect them to render any real service to Indians in their struggle for freedom.

Police Open Fire On Ahmedabad Crowds

Stone-Throwing At Several Places

(THROUGH A. P. & U. P.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 9.

Four persons were injured as the result of the police opening fire at several places where stone-throwing was indulged in by crowds. One of the injured is lying in a precarious condition in hospital.

Stone throwing was indulged in at about 15 places. Police opened fire at four places. Twelve shots were fired. Sixteen arrests were made. Acid was thrown at the police at one place. No policeman was injured.

Curfew has been reintroduced for to-night in places which were recently exempted.

SANITARY INSPECTOR ARRESTED

SURAT: Makrand Vinayak Pandya, Sanitary Inspector of the Surat Borough Municipality, has been arrested under the D. I. R.

It may be mentioned here that the Sanitary Inspector was recently acquitted by the City Magistrate of a charge of printing and circulating unauthorised 'Patrikas'.

Order On Two Newspapers

NAGPUR: Orders under Sec. 116 of D. I. R. by the District Magistrate, Nagpur, were served to-day on the editors of daily "Navoharat" and the biweekly "Maharashtra", requiring them to produce messages sent to them by Mr. Hukumchand Narad, their correspondent in Jubbulpore, who is now in custody. The editors of both the papers surrendered certain messags.

A police officer explained to-day that yesterday's order on the editor of "Hitavada" was also served under order of the District Magistrate and one Jubbulpore message produced by the editor was removed by the police without a search of the office.

DELHI ARRESTS

NEW DELHI: About a dozen persons including two women, were arrested in Chandni Chowk for taking out a procession in defiance of the District Magistrate's order.

TWO ASHRAMITES JAILED

WARDHA: Sadubhau Gadre of Nalwadi Ashram who was previously detained under Rule 26 of D. I. R. was sentenced to six months' R. I. for indulging in prejudicial activity.

Hansraj, an inmate of the Sewagram Ashram, was given six months' R. I. for possessing seven prejudicial buletins.

COLLECTIVE FINES

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes: A collective fine of Rs. 2,500 has been imposed on Talavchora, a village in the Chikhli Mahal of the Surat District.

A similar fine of Rs. 1,000 has been imposed on Supa village in the Bardoli Taluka of the same District.

Muslims, Christians, Scheduled Classes, Government servants and those who helped the police have been exempted from the fines.

The collective fines of Rs. 1,500 imposed on the village of Hobbal in the Belgaum District, of Rs. 1,000 imposed on the village of Nandra in the East Khandesh district and of Rs. 4,000 imposed on the village of Bhose in the Satara District have been recovered in full.

Five Students Arrested For Taking Part In 'Prabhat Pheri'

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Dec. 9.

A Prabhat Pheri was taken out by students early this morning.

The police made five arrests and dispersed the crowd. The names of the arrested students are:—(1) Eknath Gidh and (2) Vatsal Desai (from Vile Parle); (3) Mr. Rasiklal Tikani; (4) Mr. Meghani and (5) Abhimanyu Divanji (from Santa Cruz). They have been removed to the Santa Cruz Police Station.

"Rebirth Of Vichy In North Africa"

Americans Shocked At Deal With Admiral Darlan

NEW YORK, December 9.

Commenting on Admiral Darlan to-day the "New York Herald Tribune" said: "Vichy, the corrupt source of so much division in free nations' conduct of war, is dead but its rebirth in North Africa in the person of Admiral Darlan is rapidly threatening to produce even worse effects.

Americans Shocked

After criticising "blundering censorship" the paper adds: "It is of utmost importance to assure our Allies that the emergence of this unprincipled politician has caused as much shock and dismay to the American people as elsewhere."

Darlan Holds Up Allied Broadcast To Europe

"The New York Times" learns authoritatively from Washington that Admiral Darlan retained sufficient influence to hold up the Office of War Informations' plan to broadcast to Europe and to Radio stations in French Colonies of North Africa. The paper said that Admiral Darlan declined to make Rabat station available since the Office of War Information would not make the kind of broadcasts he wanted.

It added that representatives of British Broadcasting and Office of War Information have been waiting in Africa for three weeks for permission to broadcast their programmes to Europe.

No Freehand To Darlan In Post-War France

According to a Washington despatch to the "New York Times" to-day, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, told representatives of Gen. de Gaulle yesterday, that the United States would not permit Admiral Darlan to impose on the French people any post-war regime not of their own choice.

According to this despatch, the agreement had enabled the Allied military time-table to be put two months ahead of schedule and had "saved the lives of at least 18,000 soldiers."

Admiral Darlan with only three million French men in North Africa could hardly impose on France any regime that she did not want. Mr. Hull is stated to have concluded his remarks with the plea that all French leaders should unite against the Axis.—Reuter.

Fr. Fascists At It Again

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The German-controlled Paris Radio quotes a demand to "rid our country of those poisoned officials who are waiting for an opportunity to betray her", made to-day by the Paris Fascist leader M. Deat in a newspaper article.

"These officials must be replaced by more reliable men", he said. "Every revolution gives captains opportunities to become Generals. We shall be able to join the new order in Europe only if we perform the necessary action not only on overseas but on the home front."—Reuter.

AXIS REINFORCEMENTS SLOWED UP

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa:—

The arrival of Axis reinforcements in Tunisia "appears to have been slowed up as a result of air attacks and activities of the Royal Navy", an Allied spokesman said to-day. He added that long-range "P 38s" were making it extremely hazardous for the Germans to reinforce ther garrisons.

NAZIS RAID DARLAN'S RESIDENCE

BERLIN: An announcement that the police have raided the private residence of Admiral Darlan in France was made by the German radio today.

A statement issued through the German source claims that the raid showed Admiral Darlan to be a "hoarder and black market racketeer on a large scale." The statement alleged that the search at Admiral Darlan's residence revealed the presence of "500 pounds of coffee, 800 pounds of sugar, large quantities of cigars and tobacco and a whole pickled hog".

No reference was made to any documents. The statement made the charge "Admiral Darlan has regularly used his journeys by aeroplane for clandestine purchases of food-stuffs."

ALLIES LAUNCH COUNTER-ATTACKS

The New York radio stated this afternoon that Allied infantry in Tunisia together with Allied motorised units have launched two counter-attacks in the Tebourba area.

"They have succeeded in making a slight headway," it was added.

"PRATAP" APPEAL DISMISSED

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

A Full Bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Monroe, and Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir, dismissed to-day the appeal of the "Pratap", an Urdu Daily of Lahore, against the order of the Punjab Government, forfeiting two securities of Rs 2 500 deposited by the Editor of the paper and the keeper of the Pres respectively

The action, it will be recalled, was taken by the Government in connection with the publication of two news reports purporting to be the proceedings of the Viceroy's Executive Council relating to the Congress movement which is prohibited under the Defence of India Rules.

Their lordships refused to interfere in the Government's order demanding a fresh security of Rs. 10,000 from the paper.—A. P.

"RIYASAT" APPEAL ADMITTED

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

A petition of the "Riyasat", an Urdu weekly of Delhi, praying for the suspension of the Government's order forfeiting a security of Rs. 1,000 till the decision of the appeal against the forfeiture order, was admitted to-day by a Full Bench of the Lahore High Cour consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Monroe and Mr. Justice Mohammed Munir. Their lordships issued notice to the Crown and fixed December 17 for hearing.—A. P.

Invitees To Non-Party Conference

ALLAHABAD, December 9.

It is learnt that 12 out of the 16 special invitees to the ensuing meeting of the Standing Committee of the non-Party Conference at Allahabad on December 12 have already agreed to come

The President of the non-Party Conference Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is reported to have extended invitations to Dr H. C. Mukerji an ex-President of the Indian Christian Conference and Mr. N. C. Chatterji of Calcutta also.—A. P.

AKBAR QUATER-CENTENARY CONCERT

The two days' programme of classical music and dance fixed by the Akbar Quater Centenary Celebrations Committee at the Sundarbai Hall ended on Tuesday Roshanara Begum, who was first to sing in the second concert, contributed two delightful songs which were highly appreciated by the audience. Aftab Musiqui Ustad Faiyaz Khan sang on the second day also. Ustad Khadimhussein Khan and Shri Kamurao Mangeshkar continued to play the accompaniments of sarangi and tabla respectively. The latter half of the programme was exclusively devoted to dance. Shri Achchhan Maharaj again won repeated applause for his exposition of the complex technique of Kathak dancing. Miss Yashodhara Katju, who preceded him, gave creditable account of her training by contributing an elaborate item in which she was quite free in her movements and expressions.

Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, in a brief speech, thanked the artistes, garlanded them and announced the donations given by them to the celebrations committee. These donations were Rs. 75 each from Aftabe Musiqqui Ustad Faiyazkhan and Shri Achchhan Maharaj, Rs. 50 each from Ustad Vilayathussein Khan and Kumar Gandharva and the free programme of music contributed by Roshanara Begum to the women's meeting during the days of the celebrations. The spirit of co-operation with which the artistes were actuated was fully illustrated by the donations given by them.

Juhu Grievance

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Juhu is a place of recreation, where people during the summer season go and enjoy on the sea beach. A number of people live in Juhu and in the interest and welfare of these people that the Juhu municipality should do all things necessary for affording all amenities to them. Unfortunately, however, recently some stables have been constructed and horses have been accommodated therein. The result is that the whole locality has become unfit for human habitation, by redson of the fact that it has been infested with mosquitoes breeding all over in consequence of which all kinds of sickness is nowadays rampant there. It is well-known that round about Juhu, mosquitoes were very scarce and all people, both rich and poor alike, liked the place until recently. The present state of affairs is no doubt deplorable more so when horse stables have been allowed to be erected. It is a pity that the Juhu municipality should have given permisison for this without knowing the consequence and the trouble and inconvenience, which the people living there will be put to.

May I, therefore, request the Juhu Municipality kindly to redress the wrong which they have done to the public at Juhu by immediately removing the horse stables —Yours, etc.

J. A. JACINTO,
Ex-Councillor.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Viscount Astor has presented "Cliveden" his famous mansion and estate on the bank of the Thames, to the nation for use eventually "for promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States, Great Britain, Canada and other Dominions.

—Reuter.

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The most sensible comment so far on the extension of Lord Linlithgow's term has been made by a British paper, namely, the "Manchester Guardian."

"There is," it writes, "after all no reason to be surprised that Lord Linlithgow should be asked to prolong his term as Viceroy of India for another six months.'

And we quite agree.

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The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, "India's" Commerce Member, has assured the Indian Merchants that "if I ever feel *(sic, sic, sic)* that the interests of the country demand that I should again take my stand by your side as a non-official, I shall not hesitate for a moment to do so."

For the present he has kindly decided to spare the non-official side

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By the way, Mr. Sarkar revealed that "while every one of his colleagues on the Executive Council was anxious for a political settlement, each acted according to his own light."

Here is an instance for the world, of a Cabinet of healthy individualists all owing collective and joint responsibility to the Governor-General.

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Discussing post-war reconstruction at the Madras Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Nuttal, its President, said: "Our new economy, if it is to succeed, must be so planned that every civilised community will wish to share in it to the full."

Particularly the European-in-India community.

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Referring to the political situation in India since the Cripps visit, Mr. Nuttal said: "History will pass judgment when all the facts are known."

"History," however, had better beware of the laws.

By the way, Mr. Nuttal, in his preliminary summing up, took care to instruct "history" in specific terms as to what judgment it should pass.

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EXTENSION OF LORD LINLITHGOW'S TERM
Indian Leaders Satisfied

—Headlines.

Steady! Don't blame us. This is the Anglo-Indian interpretation of truth.

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"The time," Mr. Churchill assures the armed forces in India, "is surely coming when we shall be able to settle the long score which we have against Japan."

Meanwhile the Chinese had better continue cheerfully to suffer in the sacred cause of the United Nations.

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"We shall win the Battle of El Ageila"—General Montgomery.

This year, next year or when?

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Madras, we learn, is shortly to have a new English daily, "The Liberator."

We trust Calcutta will not lag behind but soon launch an answer "The Flying Fortress."

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"On the day on which my wedding occurred——"

"You'll pardon the correction, but affairs such as marriages, receptions, dinners, and things of that sort 'take place.' Only calamities 'occur.' You see the distinction?"

"Yes, I see. As I was saying the day on which my wedding occurred——".

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He looks worried to-day. What's wrong with him?"

"Oh, he's been contesting his wife's will."

"His wife's will? I didn't know she was dead."

"She isn't."

NAZI THREAT TO BELGIUM

Clear Up Sabotage Or Suffer Grave Consequences

STOCKHOLM, December 9.

German authorities in Belgium are taking hostages from Liege and Brussels—ten to be shot and 150 to be sent to concentration camps—unless recent acts of sabotage are not cleared up by to-morrow.

These reprisals are threatened in a decree issued by the German Military Commander-in-Chief in Belgium quoted by 'Svenska Dagbladet.'

National Liberal Federation

ALLAHABAD, December 9.

The annual session of the National Liberal Federation of India is believed to have been postponed to Easter holiday.

It is learnt that the United Provinces Liberal Association has invited the Federation to hold its session in U.P. probably at Cawnpore. Another invitation is from Bombay.—A. P.

EDUCATIONAL WING OF INDIAN SHIPPING

GALLANT SERVICES BY KRISHNAN, KARMARKAR and MEHTA

Sarker Dreams Of A National Merchant Marine

Speaking at the Prize-day function of the I.M.M.T.S. "Dufferin", on Tuesday, Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarker paid tribute to the distinguished services rendered by ex-Dufferin Cadets during the present war and made special mention of Lieutenant Krishnan, awarded distinguished Service Cross, Lieut. Commander Karmarkar and Lieut. Mehta, made M.B.E. He made feeling references to the ex-Cadets Mani, Metcalfe and Bushe, killed in action. The pursuit of glory, said Mr. Sarker, involves risks and this is true of the sea-men's vocation to a far greater extent. "The future of the employment of Dufferin Cadets is bound up with the growth of Indian Merchant Navy", and Mr. Sarker expressed confidence that there was a great future in this direction which, some day, "will provide employment to thousands of our talented young-men." The volume of India's foreign trade, Mr. Sarker pointed out, is sufficiently large to sustain a flourishing shipping industry. Had adequate steps been taken in time to promote the development of an Indian Mercantile Marine, and an Indian Navy, India would have been in a position to play much larger and a more effective part in overcoming Axis aggression. Mr. Sarker assured the brilliant gathering that had met to witness the prize distribution that whatever may have been the difficulties in the past the lessons of this war will not be lost upon them and every effort will be made to help develop the Indian Shipbuilding and Indian shipping industry. He referred to the figures before the war which showed that the United Kingdom had a Maritime Trade only 5½ times that of India but its merchant shipping was 135 times larger than Indian shipping. "I dream of a day when our vessels manned by our own crew will sail from our shores in larger numbers and in all directions", giving livelihood to thousands of courageous young men in the service of their country.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that I have been able to preside over the function today. When I say that I can assure you that I do not mean it in a mere conventional sense. For here in the "Dufferin" we have, so to say, the educational wing of India's shipping—a question that has always been dear to me. The foundation of this training centre was laid some fifteen years ago. During that time it has abundantly proved its utility. At present something like one hundred and fifty cadets are under training. Small as the number is, particularly for a country like India, the progress made in fifteen years from the initial number of seven cadets ought nevertheless be a source of encouragement to us. I am also pleased to note that the abnormal conditions we are passing through, have, at least so far, not caused any serious dislocation in the normal work of training, and I sincerely hope that the same may also be true of the future.

Out of evil cometh good and out of war come new opportunities. The present war offered a rare opportunity to many of the ex-cadets of the "Dufferin" to prove their mettle. That they have made very good use of their training is shown by the first war decorations conferred on our ex-cadets, and I NOTE WITH GREAT DELIGHT THAT LIEUT. N. KRISHNAN, R.I.N. HAS BEEN AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS WHILE LIEUT. COMMANDER S. G. KARMARKAR, R.I.N.R., AND LIEUT. J. S. MEHTA, R.I.N.R., HAVE BOTH RECEIVED THE M.B.E. I must congratulate the recipients of these decorations, the organisation of the "Dufferin" as also ourselves on this brilliant performance.

At the same time our heart also goes out to those of our worthy ex-cadets: Sub-Lieut. M. T. Mani, R.I.N.R., G. E. Metcalfe and R. G. Bushe who recently passed away while in active service. It is always painful when death prematurely snatches away youngmen of great promise. The pursuit of glory however, involves risks and this is true of the seamen's vocation to probably a far greater extent than of any other. Youth too, seems to be fully aware of it. Letters from ex-cadets in active service confirm that youngmen accept the hazards of war with a remarkable serenity, an attitude of mind which is only possible when one has learnt to value certain things higher than life itself.

Let me now turn for a moment to the main function of the day. I always like a prize day. For one thing, it puts the seal of public recognition on past performances, but the real meaning of such an occasion is something more profound. A prize day is at bottom only a reminder of the need for greater efforts. Those of you who have done well in the past and have won prizes to-day, deserve our heartiest congratulations. You cannot, however, rest on your laurels. Your success in the past should be a spur to you for greater exertion in future so that the prizes you have now won may be but a prelude to bigger prizes both here during your further training and later when you render active services. Similarly, those of you who go away from this function with empty hands, must not for a moment think that your future is empty. Far from it. It contains unlimited possibilities for you. There will be no end of opportunities that will come to you to win prizes. In your vocation every day of your life would in a sense be a prize day. On an occasion like this it is useful to recall the proverbial truth that failures are the pillars of success and as a corollary to it we may perhaps add that success should be the pillars of greater success.

May I now turn to the outgoing cadets for a moment. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR TRAINING HERE HAS THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED YOU, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MORALLY, FOR YOUR VOCATION AND THAT YOU WILL KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT TRADITIONS OF YOUR SHIP. COURAGE AND EFFICIENCY, LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY ARE THE KEYNOTE TO SUCCESS IN A SEAMAN'S CAREER AND I AM SURE ALL OF YOU MUST HAVE ACQUIRED AND DEVELOPED THESE ESSENTIAL TRAITS AND VIRTUES DURING THE TRAINING YOU HAVE ENJOYED IN THE "DUFFERIN". There is, however, a more matter-of-fact question which, I believe, is just now engaging your minds. You must be wondering how promptly the country is going to utilise your services. War has no doubt opened up new prospects for you and I expect the demand for trained seamen will continue to increase in the immediate future both for our Navy and our Mercantile Marine. Nor, I may add, is the Government oblivious of those Burman and Indian cadets whose parents have either been stranded in Burma or have evacuated to India. The Government, I can assure them, have been seizing every possible opportunity to take effective steps in order to mitigate their hardship

At the same time, it evokes in me a sad reflection that you should at all have to be troubled by the thought of your future employment. The number of trained cadets and of those under training is at present so small when compared with the potential requirement of India that there ought not to have been frankly speaking, any difficulty whatsoever in absorbing you in the services of the country. THE FUTURE OF YOUR VOCATION IS NO DOUBT BOUND UP WITH THE GROWTH OF OUR MERCHANT NAVY, WHICH, AGAIN, LARGELY DEPENDS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN INDIA. IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PAST, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE IS A GREAT FUTURE FOR YOUR VOCATION WHICH SOME DAY WILL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT TO THOUSANDS OF OUR TALENTED YOUNGMEN. For it is common knowledge that the volume of India's foreign trade is sufficiently large to sustain a flourishing shipping industry. I need not delve into the history of Indian shipping before the advent of the internal combustion engine, or of the controversies associated with its development in the recent past. But one cannot help feeling that had adequate steps been taken in time to promote the development of an Indian Mercantile Marine and an Indian Navy, our country would have been in a position to play much larger and a more effective part in overcoming Axis aggression. Whatever may have been the difficulties in the past,

I HOPE, THE LESSONS OF THIS WAR WILL NOT BE LOST UPON US AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO HELP DEVELOP INDIAN SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY. IN ANY CASE I DO NOT SEE ANY REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUILD UP QUICKLY AN INDIAN MERCANTILE MARINE OF RESPECTABLE SIZE BY PURCHASING ABROAD THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF SHIPS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR. That there are vast possibilities in this field goes without saying. Just take one comparative figure, it has been estimated that the maritime trade of the United Kingdom is 5-1|2 times that of India, but the merchant shipping of the United Kingdom is 135 times larger than our shipping. India's long coastline and the problem of transport also impose on us the imperative necessity of building up our own mercantile marine, and I DREAM OF A DAY WHEN OUR VESSELS MANNED BY OUR OWN CREW WILL SAIL FROM OUR SHORES IN LARGE NUMBERS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. And then many more cadets will be trained from many a ship like the "Dufferin" and all of them will have ample scope as much to earn their livelihood as to serve their country.

I can assure you, my young friends, that you have chosen a great vocation. If it provides rare opportunities to satisfy one of the most innate urges of youth, namely, that of service to the country and to others, it also carries with it vast economic potentialities. If you remember this, you will never have any occasion to regret the choise you have made.

Before I conclude, I must heartily thank you all, the Governing Body, Captain McClement, the ship's staff and cadets and all those present here for the very enjoyable time I have had here to-day. I wish the "Dufferin" and all it stands for, every success.

'DIRECT ACTION NOT DESIRABLE'

Ashraff On Jawaharlal's Attitude

KARACHI, Dec. 9.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's attitude to a mass struggle at the time of the August happenings was one of unqualified disapproval, said Dr. K. M. Ashrag a Socialist leader of the United Provinces in the course of an interview here.

He said that Pandit Nehru told the U. F. Congress Committee a week prior to the vital A.I.C.C. meeting that Direct Action was not desirable at the same time reiterating his whole-hearted sympathy towards Russia and China. —A. P.

Advisers And Their Portfolios

A post of a Fourth Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay has been sanctioned temporarily and Mr. H. K. Kirpalani has been appointed to hold it.

Mr. I. H. Taunton has been appointed to act as Adviser in place of Mr. G. F. S. Collins, who is on leave.

The distribution of the business of the Government amongst the Advisers is as follows:—

Mr. H. F. Knight: Services, Civil Supplies, Rural Development and Finance Departments.

Mr. C. H. Bristow: Home Department, Civil Defence, Labour and Legal.

Mr. H. K. Kirpalani: Education, Local Self-Government, Medical and Public Health, Industries and Political.

Mr. I. H. Taunton: Revenue, Excise and Public Works Department.

The post of Chief Secretary rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. Kirpalani as Adviser is not being filled at present. The Secretary to the Government, General Department, has been placed in charge of the Political and Services Department in addition to his own duties.

Scarcity In Sholapur

The Government of Bombay has declared that a state of scarcity prevails in the district of Sholapur and directing that the district be deemed to be scarcity area for the purposes of the Bombay Fodder and Grain Control Act of 1939, prohibited the removal of fodder therefrom till June 10, 1943.

MORE RICE AND WHEAT FOR BOMBAY PROVINCE

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should be allowed on a planned basis, to keep India's overseas customers satisfied. With this end in view, it was suggested that an advisory panel of millowners should be associated with the Controller of Exports, especially to advise in issue of licenses for exports.

Earlier, the Committee of the Indian Life Assurance Offices' Association, Bombay, represented their grievances to the Commerce Member. The Commerce Member promised sympathetic consideration to the proposals made on behalf of the Association.

Newspapers' Tale Of Woe

An assurance that he was doing everything possible to secure stocks of newsprint and that he had already sent "three or four frantic telegrams to U. S. A., and Canada to release newsprint" was given by Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Commerce Member, Government of India, speaking at a tea-party given in his honour on Wednesday evening by Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth on behalf of the Indian Languages Newspapers' Association.

Mr. Amritlal Sheth, President of the Indian Languages Newspapers' Association, in the course of a speech said:—

"You may be aware, I am sure, that the present market rate of the newsprint is not less than Rs. 1,800 per ton. Of course, this is the black market rate. But there is no other market; and the selling price of the newspaper as fixed by the Government and collected by a newspaper is Rs. 1,400 per ton.

"How can newspapers, particularly like ours, live under these conditions," he asked.

In conclusion he suggested the handing over of a paper mill to the Association under certain conditions and offered a guarantee that the production would be doubled

SARKAR'S REPLY

Replying, Mr. Sarkar stated that he quite realised the difficulties in which the newspapers were placed by the dearth of newsprint. He appreciated their services.

In regard to the request made by the President of the Association that a proportion of paper manufactured in India should be reserved for newspapers, the Commerce Member said that it was difficult, because there was no complete control of Indian produced paper as yet. After investigation, it had been found possible that with the existing machinery, production of paper could be increased to 10 to 15 per cent.

Mr. A. R. Bhat proposed a vote of thanks, and Mr. Ali Bahadurkhan seconded the proposal.

STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATIONS

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at a tram car proceeding along Rashbehary Avenue. Another person was arrested while engaged in breaking the glass of a fire alarm box near lake market in Ballygunge.

Several shops in Indian quarters in the city and suburbs observed "hartal" to-day.

UNIVERSITY FILES & RECORDS BURNT

LUCKNOW: Some students of the Lucknow University left their classes this morning. Later, joined by some outsiders, they raided the Registrar's Office in the University premises, smashed window panes, pictures hanging on the walls and a clock, burnt down office files and set fire to office furniture. Before the fire brigade could reach the scene, the miscreants rushed to the Cashier's office in the Canning College, also situated in the University area. They collected registers, files and old records lying inside almirahs and set them on fire. Some pieces of furniture were also completely gutted. The fire brigade arrived on the spot and brought the conflagration under control.

The students also raided the Laboratory of the Public Analist to the U.P. Government situated in the University area and caused considerable damage. They destroyed costly apparatus and bottles and phials containing acids and other chemicals and smashed window panes and doors of the Laboratory.

Explosion In Bangalore College

BANGALORE, Dec. 9.

An explosion occurred in the Engineering College in the city this afternoon. No casualties and no damage are reported.

Eighty-one students belonging to several educational institutions all over the State detained in the Bangalore Central Jail were released yesterday.

That damage done to railway properties belonging to Electric Department and Public Works Department upto the end of October 1942 was more than Rs. 43,000 was revealed by a Government spokesman answering questions in the Mysore Legislative Council this noon.

PROTEST WALK OUT

All members of the Congress Party in the Mysore Legislative Council present left the Council Hall for two minutes as a protest against action of the Mysore Dewan in disallowing adjournment motion tabled to discuss the attitude of the Government of Mysore in not according facilities for detenu members of this Council to attend this session and thus infringing the privileges and rights of such members to voice and represent their constituencies. —A.P.

Teachers And Students In Round Up

POONA, Dec. 9.

About 30 persons, mostly local students and school teachers, have been rounded up by the police, who claim to have unearthed what is stated to be another armed conspiracy.

After many searches in different localities of the city, the police have seized two revolvers, a considerable quantity of ammunition and high explosives.

Many shops remained closed today in observance of the fourth monthly day of the Congress leaders' arrests.

One person was taken into custody on a charge of taking out an unauthorised procession.

NAZI FORCES TRAPPED

Soviet Troops Shell Enemy Positions In Stalingrad Sector

MOSCOW, December 9.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans in a tank clash west of Rzhev for a strong point situated on a high ground, said a front line despatch received today. Soviet artillery smashed German forward positions and infantry-occupied trenches forming second defence lines at the point of the bayonet. The Germans rushed up tanks and infantry but all their counter-attack were repulsed with heavy losses.

The position remains in Soviet hands.

NAZIS CAUGHT IN STORMS IN CAUCASUS

German troops in advanced position in the western Caucasus are often short of the barest necessities, said the German radio today. Torrential storms have caused heavy floods and not even horses can get through the mud, so all supplies have to be sent by human carriers, the radio added.

Murder Charge Against Persons Unknown In Tambakanta Case

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"The death of Hasan Mohamed (20), was caused by shock and laceration of liver due to injuries sustained from a bomb which exploded at the west end of Nakhoda Street, Tambakanta case to be classified as that of murder committed by some person or persons who have not been traced so far", was the verdict of the coroner's jury to-day at the inquest on the body of Hasan Mohamed, who was one of 23 persons who were injured when a bomb exploded at Nakhoda Street, Tambakanta, on 23rd November.

Hassan Mohamed, with six others was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he died next morning.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 9.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 5th December:—

Allahabad 77 47 0; Bombay 85 67 0; Calcutta 80 57 0; Cawnpore 76 44 0; Cuttack 79 55 0; Darjeeling 54 39 0; Delhi 76 41 0; Dehra Dun 71 45 0; Jacobabad 82 44 0; Karachi 81 62 0; Lahore 77 41 0; Lucknow 78 54 0; Madras 85 73 0; Nagpur 78 53 0; Patna 77 51 0; Peshawar 71 41 0; Shillong 65 37 0; Simla 52 40 0.—A.P.

Bombay Hockey League

Two further matches were decided on Wednesday evening in the Bombay Hockey League. In division I, the City Police beat G. I. P. Railway Workshoups 'A' with ease by five goals to one, the nippy policemen proving too much for the slow-moving railwaymen.

In the earlier engagement, the Telephones got the better of the Lusitanian second string by the odd goal in three.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

No. 3 (Bom.) Fortress Co. v. Tata S. C. Lusitanians 'A' v. Young Sports.

Commission House Selling On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

Bureau Report Indicates Smaller Crop

Bombay, Dec. 9.

The final Bureau report on the American cotton crop was issued on Tuesday by the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S Agricul ture Department as under:—

Yield 1st Dec. 275.1; 1st Nov. 274.9

Production 1st Dec. 1,29,82,000; 1st Nov 13,329,000.

Ginned 1st Dec. 11,539,000; 1st. Nov. 10 685,879.

As compared with previous years the report reads as under:—

Yield 1942/43 275.1; 1941/42 235.4; 1940/41 252.4

Production 1942/43 12,982,000; 1941/42 10,976,000; 1940/41 12,685,000

Ginned to 1st Dec. 1942/43 11,539,000; 1941/42 9,596,000; 1940/41 10,870,000

Area harvested 22,660,000; acres. Abandonment 2.8 per cent.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The New York cotton market fluctuuated irregularly and prices declined on Commission House liquidation and New Orleans selling as a result of failure of the market to respond to smaller crop estimate and continued heavy Government textile demand.

At the opening March was quoted 5 points higher at 18.84 which was the highest level and thereafter prices declined to 18.65 which was the lowest. The market finally closed at a net decline of 5 to 12 points. cotton prices declined 11 points at 20.33c. per lb.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 9 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices lost 9 points at 19.31—09c per lb.

The Wall Street market was firm at the start as selling dried up in rails while selection bidding aided leaders in other sections. Industrials advanced fractionally but war and domestic news had little to do with the stiffening trends. Top prices were well maintained and closing tone was firm.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH

	New York, Dec. 9.
Previous closing	18.71
To-day's opening	18.70
Difference	—01

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Dec. 9.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Dec. 9.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS

London, Dec. 9.

Castorseeds Bombay December/January (£29 quoted) £29 quoted

Linseed Calcutta December/January (£23 quoted) £23 quoted

Linseed La Plata December/January unquoted.

Groundnut Coromandal December/January

East Coast Indian shipment (£24 1/2 quoted) £24 1/2. West Coast Indian shipment (£25 1/2 quoted) £25 1/2 quoted

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 9.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 9.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES

London, Dec. 9.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 9.

The London Stock Exchange was firm to-day.

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, Dec. 9.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 7/8 ex div.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent Commonwealth £101 1/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £81 1/8

3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4

3 per cent Copversion Loan £100 7/16

4 per cent War Loan £113 3/8

3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 5/16

3 per cent War Loan £102 1/8

4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 22-6

Marks and Spencer Ordinary 46-3

Electric Music Industry 17-6

Princhin Johnson 30-3

Imperial Chemical 36-4 1/2

Woolsworth Ordinary 59-3

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78 1/2

Dunlop Rubber 33-4 1/2

Unilever Ordinary 33-0

Ford Motors 31-3

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 1/4

British American Tobacco Ordy £4 27/32

Carrears 'A' £5 7/8

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 1/32

P and O Defd 33-0

Distillers 63-3

Bredford Dyers 14-7 1/2

British Celanese 15-9

J and P Coates 41-3

Courtaulds Ordinary 46-3

Fine Cotton Spinners 16-1 1/2

Vickers Limited Ordinary 18-1 1/2

Inter Nickels 44 3/4

Indian Iron 52-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 20-6

Donaro Tea 32-6

Empire of India 19-0

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 13-9

Gula Kelampong 10-0

Rubber Plant 18-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 20-0

Burma Corporation 6-0

Rio Tintos £10

East Rand Properties £1 31/32

Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £9 1/4

Associated Portland Cement 55-0

Trinidad Leasehold 75-7 1/2

Sub-Nigel £6 1/8

Spring Mines Split Shares £0 29/32

Union Corporation 145-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 34-4 1/2

Anglo-India 77-6

Burma Oil £2 3/4

Mexican Eagle 11-3 1/2

Shell Transport £3 7/32

Royal Dutch £25 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £56 3/4

London Midland Ordinary £26 1/8

London North Eastern Defd £4

London Southern Defd £21 1/2

London Transport 5 per cent £128

London Transport 'C' £54 1/2

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 9.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors (dol 42) dol 42 5/8

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 1/2) dol 24 5/8

United States Steel (dol 46 7/8) dol 46 3/4

United States Steel Preference (dol 109) dol 109.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

PRIVATE CABLES.

N.Y. March highest (10 a.m.)	18.84+06
N.Y. March lowest (12-54 p.m.)	18.65—14

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 8.

December	18.86—11
January	18.86—06
March	18.71—08
May	18.51—12
July	18.42—12
October	18.36—10
Middling spot	20.33—11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 8.

December	19.04—13
January	18.89—10
March	18.91—09
May	18.74—12
July	18.63—13
October	18.57
Middling spot	19.31—09

NOON CALL.

New York, Dec. 8.

December	18.93
March	18.79
May	18.63

COTTON PARITY

I. C. C. January, is below New York January 313 cent points at Exchange 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 9.

I. C. C. Jan. highest 406; lowest 396/8; closing 403.

I. C. C. March highest 397 lowest 388; closing 394/8.

No Business In City Markets

Bombay, Dec. 9.

All city markets were officially open today but no business was done in cotton, gold, silver and shares.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 9.

Tata Ordinary 357; Tata Deferred 176; Indian Iron 33/8; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 24/10; Bombay Dyeing 1676/4; Central India 400; Century 513/12; Gokak 350; Kohinoor 620; Simplex 272; Andhra Valley 1770; Tata Hydro 186/4; Tata Power 1667/8; Associated Cement 203/8; Belapur 2282; Bombay Burma (old) 361/7

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 9.

LONDON—

Banks buying 90 Days/Bl 1/6 9/32 Two Months

Banks buying 90 Days/Bl. 1/6 5/16 Three Months

Banks buying 90 Days/Bl 1/6 5/16 Four Months

B. C. Rates T T 1/6 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16

Banks selling T T 1-6 31/32 D D 1-6 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK—

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 339 1/2 D D Rs. 336 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL—

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/8 D D L Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE—

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4

Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2

LONDON/STOCKHOLM—

Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON—

Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04

LISBON/LONDON—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom. D D Esc 7.35 nom

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA/LONDON—

Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8

Banks buying T T — D D 1/10 3/8

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady

Gold £8-8-0 Ready

New York Silver 44 3/4

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent

Money:—Call and 1 to 3 months not quoting.

4 to 6 months 1/4 per cent

7 to 12 months 1/2 per cent

Tone:—Very easy.

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 8.

Spot	23 1/8
Forward	23 1/8

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 8.

London gold fine per oz £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 8.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02 1/2; buyers 4.03 1/8

Madrid official 40.5

Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47

Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4

Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Dec. 8.

Wheat Rozario Santa fe Dec-Jan quoted 2[illegible]

Wheat South Australian Dec-Jan. quoted 2[illegible]

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 8.

Kupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£67 3/4
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£99 7/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£81 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 5/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1969/90	£113 3/8
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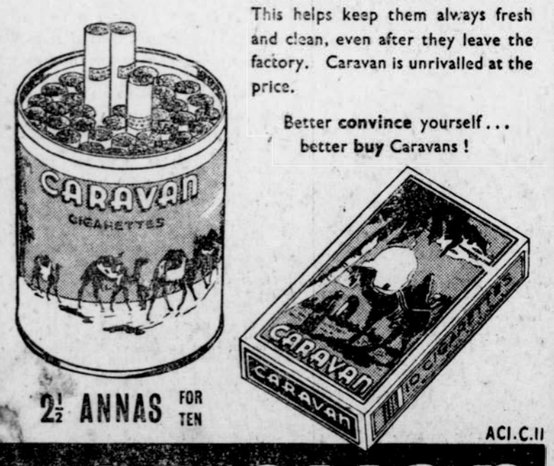

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CIVIL DEFENCE PLANS FOR BOMBAY

Mr. Baig Invites Public Co-operation

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.

"It is true that Bombay has been safe from enemy attacks and may always be safe; but the danger is there and it will be there till the war is over," said Mr. M. R. A. Baig, Acting Chairman of the Joint Civil Defence Committee, addressing the Conference of members of the Ward Committees and the Chiefs of the various Civil Defence Services held at the Bombay Municipal Corporation Hall on Tuesday evening.

Almost all members of the Joint Civil Defence Committee and the Chiefs of the various services and about 100 members of the Ward Committees were present at the Conference.

Mr. Baig welcoming the members to the first Conference said that the Joint Civil Defence Committee had worked out several schemes to reduce to the minimum the sufferings of the people in the event of an enemy attack on Bombay. Complete understanding of the various schemes was necessary to ensure co-operation from the public, without which no effort would achieve success, and he felt confident that that co-operation would be forthcoming in full measure.

The Conference had met to find out ways and means by which the various schemes could be supplemented by voluntary workers.

Following the Chairman's speech, Dr. G. R. Pradhan, Dr. R. E. Dadachanji, Mr. J. A. Lucas and Mr. M. D. Bhat explained the Fire Watching Scheme, the Casualty Service Scheme, the Rescue Service Scheme and the Water Supply and Rest Camp schemes to the members present.

DANGEROUS COMPLACENCY

Mr. D. Symington, till recently the A.R.P. Controller and now Secretary, Home Department, while explaining the manner in which the efforts of the various Civil Defence Services including the A.R.P. could be co-ordinated, referred to complacency which was likely to creep in among the people after the series of Allied victories. There was likely to be an irresistible temptation to be complacent but he was sure that none, neither the Government, nor the Joint Civil Defence Committee, nor even the members present at the Conference were inclined to be complacent.

CO-ORDINATION OF SERVICES

After explaining in detail the manner in which the efforts of the various services could be co-ordinated, Mr. Symington pointed out that the A.R.P. Warden's services would accord wholehearted co-operation to the Joint Civil Defence Committee and to the Ward Committees in their work. He said that the Ward Committees, besides enlisting co-operation of the various Volunteer Organisations may have to decide in favour of direct recruitment of volunteers for general purposes, as thousands of men would be required in an emergency. Those volunteers would have to be given elementary training in most of the services so that, if and when there was breakdown in any of the essential services, one could rely on this band of voluntary workers to fill up the gap. He felt confident that the Ward Committees would get to work to achieve success in the tremendous tasks entrusted to them.

Representatives of the Ward Committees spoke on the peculiar difficulties and needs of their respective wards and made a number of valuable suggestions.

Mr. Baig in his concluding speech thanked the members for their valuable suggestions and said that the Joint Civil Defence Committee would give its careful consideration to them. The conference had been helpful from many points of view and hoped that many such conferences will be held in future.—

The Half-Column "By Dim"

While such a rigid supervision is being kept over A.R.P., I saw some days ago on Juhu beach a huge bonfire which was enough to undo all the work of the A.R.P. rules put together. I think it is a matter into which Mr. Symington should look. The fire was on the Bombay side of the beach, almost on the extreme left. Enlightenment on this point will be gratefully received.

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Mrs. Gladys (Sheepskin) Smith writes to say that the hammer and sickle were not reversed on her stall. That's funny because some sickles were like a question mark and others like a G. So one or the other must have been wrong. Also she wants me to appeal through this column for the return of a megaphone which some inebriated gent removed from her stall. Well, lady, I'd like to help you but I don't think inebriated gents read this Half Column. Or may be someone thought a megaphone was unnecessary in a stall which took the name of a country which was SILENTLY at war. (The debate continues!)

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The political correspondents of London papers have been telling us for some time that Mr. Churchill's announcement regarding the next Viceroy is going to come as a surprise to us. Mr. Churchill's retention of the "status quo" certainly did surprise a number of us who thought maybe a change of personnel would mean a new hope to India. What is interesting to note, however, is that no one can be found willing to succeed Lord Linlithgow, so doubtful is the legacy which he will leave behind. It is obvious that any front line man in England is not going to jeopardise his prospects by getting mixed up in Britain's India policy. Cripps has already paid the price by coming to India as the representative of an essentially Tory Government. "Would another man trip?" was the question many of us asked ourselves and the answer is "Not yet." So Linlithgow stays with us and as we look into the immediate future we see but little prospect of a settlement.

MALTA'S VICHY CONSUL JOINS FREE FRENCH

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Fighting French in London announced to-night that the French Consul in Malta, M. Xavier Gauthier has sent his resignation to Vichy and joined Fighting French.

He has wired to Laval saying, "I am placing myself at the disposal of the only French leaders who continue to fight." The French Charge D'Affaires in Liberia, M. Emmanuelli has also sent his resignation to Vichy and joined General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

Another U. S. Cruiser Launched

American Air Force Strength Passes Million Mark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

United States east coast port: The United States today added to the series of naval launchings to mark the anniversary of Pearl Harbour when a 10,000 ton cruiser slid down the ways here.

"MIAMI" LAUNCHED.

The light cruiser "Miami" hailed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Ralph A. Bard as "a vital addition to our fighting fleets" was launched today on the anniversary of the United States declaration of war.

FIGHTING FRENCH C.-IN-C. IN U. S.

Admiral Georges Thierpy Dargenlieu, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighting French forces in the Pacific, conferred on Tuesday with the United States Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull.

AIR FORCES REACH MILLION MARK

Lieutenant Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the United States Army Air Corps, said on Tuesday that the total strength of the United States Air Force passed the million mark last month.

General Arnold said that the Germans to be on equal terms would have to destroy Allied planes at the ratio of two to one. He expressed the belief that virtually all the German planes in North Africa had come from the Russian front.

"M. G." ON EXTENSION OF VICEROY'S TERM

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Commenting on the extension of Lord Linlithgow's term the "Manchester Guardian" writes, "There is after all no reason to be surprised that Lord Linlithgow should be asked to prolong his term as Viceroy of India for another six months.

He has been in full agreement so far as is known with the policy of the Home Government both when it is making new proposals and when it is saying that no new proposals could be made.

He has just decided again fully agreeing with the Government that no one is to see Congress prisoners even in order to find out whether the parties can come together, it being understood of course that nothing can be done until they do.

It is not to be expected in such a situation when the new Viceroy will have to carry out the Government's fixed negative policy that anyone should decide to take the post. So Lord Linlithgow, Mr. Amery and the Government remain together a happy silent family patiently saying "no" to anyone who interrupts."

SINCLAIR REFUSED CHURCHILL'S OFFER

LONDON, Dec. 8.

"Londoner" writing in the "Evening Standard" to-night claims that the Viceroyalty was actually offered to Sir Archibbid Sinclair by Mr. Churchill last Friday and Sir Archibald Sinclair refused.

The columnist says, that Sir A. Sinclair did not wish to relinquish his job as Air-Minister and moreover preferred to continue as leader of the Liberal Party.

The offer, says "Londoner", was made "in the Bleak Moorland country of North Yorkshire" where the two men were spending a night.—Reuter.

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10 Toulon Vessels Kept Intact

Germans May Prove Tougher Than Italian Fleet In Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

The details of the French fleet at Toulon revealed by the United States Secretary of the Navy, Col. Knox are preliminary and incomplete. But even assuming that the Germans cannot raise the sunken warships because of shortage of materials and labour they still have intact two light cruisers, three flotilla leaders, three destroyers and two gun-boats.

A sizable part of the French fleet can be expected to hoist the Cross of Lorraine. While it is certain that the Toulon vessels will not be manned by Frenchmen the Germans may import their own crew to put the fleet into the Mediterranean to provide somewhat sterner surface opposition to Allied convoys than has hitherto been offered by the Italian fleet.

But British battleships, carriers and heavy cruisers are operating in the Mediterranean. Against them the Germans will have only light French cruisers.

It is believed here that the French vessels at Dakar include the 35,000 ton battleship "Richelieu" as well as the cruisers "Gloire," "Montcalm," "George" "Leygues;" the destroyers "Fantasque," "Malin Terrible;" twelve submarines, three minesweepers, ten corvettes, other light vessels and numerous merchantmen.—Reuter.

CHIANG PINS HIS FAITH ON ALLIED VICTORY

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Pacific War Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek has cabled to the Premiers of New Zealand and the Netherlands expressing confidence in Allied victory.

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INSPECTOR WADE — THE DOUBLE — BY EDGAR WALLACE

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